

Counties, to meet at the Head of Elk, where we think they c. c. and you may probably, by a free Communication of Sentiments, ¹⁵¹ from a general Plan for conducting the Business. The inclosed Letter to M^r Rodney is occasioned by yours, and requesting him to furnish some of the Delaware Militia, for guarding the Stores. We wish the Militia may be collected Time enough to answer the Purpose. Col^o Dallam happens now to be here. Col^o Rumsey and you had better be together as soon as you can, and send an Express for Col^o Bordley, mentioning the Time for your Meeting.

We are &^{ca}

P. S. We have wrote to the Lieut^{ts} that the Service being Continental it is expected that you will manage as to Provisions.

Col^o Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Resolution of the General Assembly passed this Morning, and, in Consequence of it, direct that two Companies of the first Class of the Militia of your County immediately march to Cecil or in the Delaware State, as Occasion may require, to perform with two Companies ordered from that and Kent, The Duties mentioned in the Resolve, and you are to give the necessary Orders accordingly. We think it may conduce to the Service that Col^o Bordley, Col^o Charles Rumsey, yourself and Col^o Henry Hollingsworth should meet at the head of Elk as soon as may be, to consult on the Business and therefore request it, and, as from the Nature of the Service we apprehend three Field Officers may ¹⁵² be necessary, we hope one out of each County may be taken, and that it will give general Satisfaction. We expect as this is a mere Continental Service, Col^o Hollingsworth will find the Provisions. If it should on Consultation be thought that the Number ordered is too small and Time will permit, we expect to be advised of it, but if the Occasion should be too pressing to admit of Delay that then the further necessary Number be taken of the next Militia or if we have ordered more than there's Occasion for, that we should be so advised, but we would, by no Means have the Guard too much weakened, as so much depends on collecting the Stores. We hope this Service, so necessary for our Army, will not be of any long Continuance.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Col^o Richard Dallam.